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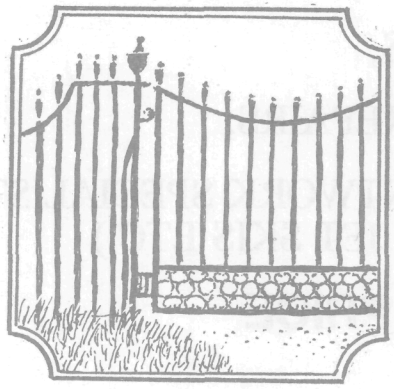

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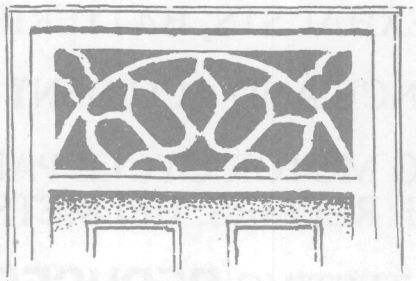

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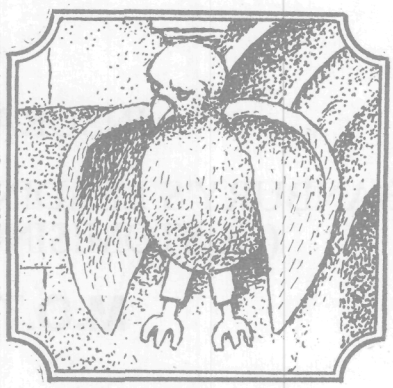

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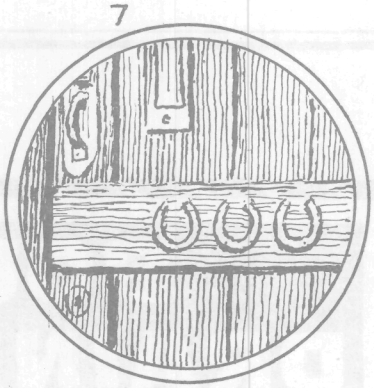

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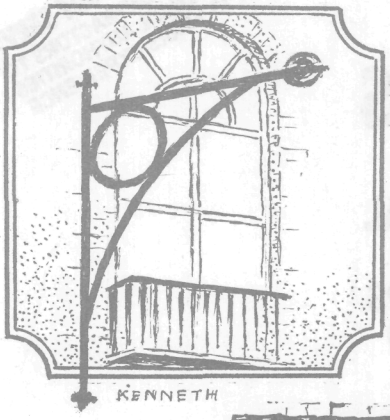

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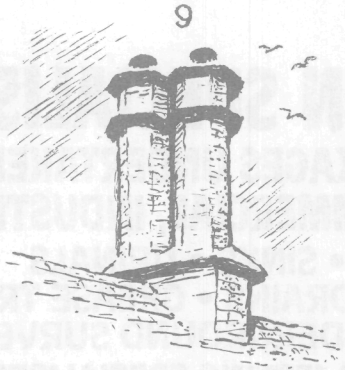

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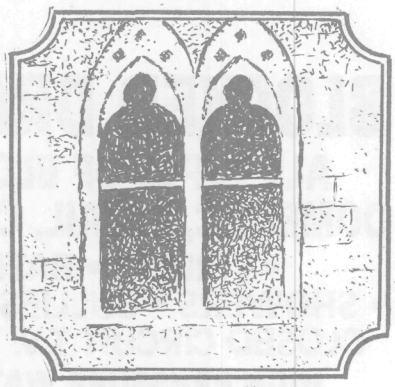

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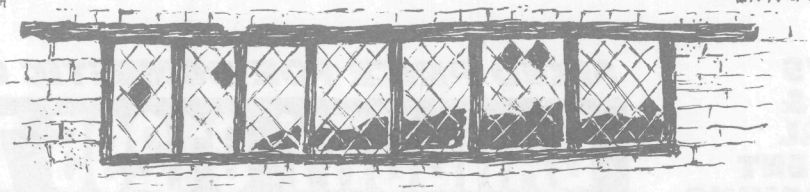

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EDITORIAL

The Parish Church Restoration Appeal is impressively on its way. The Appeal Committee hopes to reach new heights with the Raise The Roof concert in the church on October 15 (p.5). Individuals, clubs, businesses, the Primary School - everyone is becoming involved. There has been considerable outside media interest in our endeavours. The future looks bright.

There's so much in Deddington worth preserving. Perhaps we can consider another claim on our eleemosynary instincts. The Holly Tree premises are a valuable village asset. At the moment the hall is under-used and consequently generates insufficient income to cover maintenance. It is central, it has amenities - a microwave, a kettle, crockery. Rent it (very reasonably) for your private functions or club activities. Assets lost are rarely regained. (Apologies for the hectoring tone.)

KRISTIN THOMPSON

Fridays *Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10-12.*
Fridays *Mother and Toddler Group. Windmill Centre, 9.45 - 11.45 am*
Sundays *British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.*

OCTOBER DIARY

Wed	1	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Wed	1	U3A: AGM - Cheese and Wine, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Fr	3	British Legion:Solo Sound, Disco. 8.30 pm.
Sat	4	Coffee morning and Bring and Buy sale in the Wesleyan Church, 10.30 am.
Sat	4	British Legion: Junior Disco, 4 pm - 6 pm.
Sun	5	Friends of Hempton Church AGM, Church Hall, 7.45 pm.
Mo	6	Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am - noon.
Wed	8	Deddington Players' audition for Panto, Windmill Centre, 6 pm. (p.6)
Wed	8	Deddington Bowls Club Whist Drive, British Legion, 7.30 pm. (p.7)
Fr	10	Cherwell Mobile Advice Centre, Deddington Market Square, 9.15 am - 12.15 pm.
Sat	11	Deddington Pre - School Jumble Sale, 2 pm. (p.7)
Sat	11	British Legion: Storm (Live Music), 8.45 pm
Sat 11 - Sun 12:		Waste Paper skip in school playground.
Tu	14	WI: My Visit to the Palace to receive my MBE, (with video) Mrs Edginton, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	15	U3A: Mystery afternoon, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	15	"Raise The Roof" concert to launch CD for Church Restoration Appeal, Parish Church, 8 pm.
Wed	15	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Fr	17	Carers' Club Meeting, Holly Tree, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.
Fr	17	Deddington Bowls Club Annual Dinner, Deddington Arms. (p.7)
Mo	20	D.O.G.S. AGM, British Legion, 6.30 pm. (p.6)
Tu	**21**	**COPY DATE FOR NOVEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Th	23	Deddington Gardeners outing to Westonbirt Arboretum. Meet Town Hall 9.45 am. (p.6)
Fr	24	Cherwell Mobile Advice Centre, Deddington Market Square, 9.15 am - 12.15 pm.
Fr 24/Sat25		Deddington Players present " The Murder Room", The Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. (p.3)
Sat	25	British Legion: Sugar & Spice (Live Music), 8.45 pm.
Wed	29	U3A:The Royal National Institute for the Blind, Mr T. Bellingham, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Th	30	Little Angel Theatre: The Many Legged Musicians of Bremley, Windmill Centre, 3 pm. (p.10)

NOVEMBER DIARY

Sat	1	Deddington Ladies Christmas Bazaar .
Sat	1	British Legion: Limited Edition (Live Music), 8.45 pm.
Mo	3	Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am - noon.
Mo	3	Public Meeting re: Horton General NHS Trust, Banbury Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies, The Holly Tree, 8 - 10 pm.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Note of meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 17 September 1997 attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Cosgrove, Hill, Lee, Oddy, Stevens, Swash, Todd, the Clerk David Blakey, 4 parishioners and 4 recipients of educational grants. Apologies from Cllrs Drake, Fisher, Dist Cllr O'Sullivan and Coun Cllr Matthews.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Awards Christopher Bullock, Dawn Crichton, William Dew. Thomas Dew, Victoria Evans, Elizabeth Haigh (see next item), Kirsten Handley, Nikki Kirk, Simon Morris, Helen Rose and Alexandra Walsh.

Rules Cllrs voted not to enforce a strict age limit in the case of Elizabeth Haigh (see above). The Chairman and Vice-Chairman undertook to review all rules and report back.

Funds Cllrs voted £1,000 Chairman's Allowance, to fund this year's grants.

LOW COST HOUSING

Successive changes of ownership have delayed the signing of the contract for purchasing the land. Completion is unlikely before the end of October. As facilitator, PC is doing all possible to push things along, but is not responsible for buying the land nor selecting occupants of the houses.

CLIFTON PLAY AREA

PC to consider installing play equipment at Welford's Piece, and will consult contractors on improving the condition of the area.

STEWARD'S WORKLOAD

PC is fully satisfied with the way the (part-time) Steward carries out his duties, but will look at the balance of his workload.

HEMPTON ROAD SEAT

Gaveston Gardens residents complained that the Hempton Road seat is a focus of anti-social and allegedly criminal behaviour. Police to be informed.

SCOOP THAT POOP

From 1 October, offenders under the Cherwell District Dogs (Fouling of Land) Order, 1997, are liable to be fined up to £1,000. The Order applies to roads with speed limits of 40mph or less, and includes footpaths, grass verges, public open spaces and rights of way, sports grounds and playing fields.

A BLOOMING GOOD EFFORT

Deddington's 82% score in the Southern England in Bloom Competition was not enough to win an Award. The judges were impressed by the Windmill Centre complex and Daeda's Wood but thought we'd do even better if terraced houses had 'a little more colour' - window boxes, for example.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Two complaints have been received about bell-ringing on a weekday. The Chairman (a bellringer) said that, Sundays apart, peals may be rung only on a very few occasions each year.
- Profits from a Wine Tasting at the Holly Tree Club on Saturday 29 November will go to the Parish Church Restoration Fund.
- Cllr Todd has joined the new Internet group in the village and will watch developments.
- CDC to be asked to arrange pruning of Market Place horse-chestnut trees.
- PC agreed to grant £150 to CAB.
- Cllr Cosgrove to attend next meeting of Upper Heyford consultative panel, on 20 October. PC has been invited to on-site meeting with consortium managing the former airbase.
- PC rejected a bid from Banbury Stockyard Estates to buy the Hempton Stone Pit.
- Extra public parking spaces at the School this summer were hardly used. Rethink is in hand.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PC had no objection to proposed alterations at *Pumpyard Cottage, New Street, 9 The Daedings, Old Plough Walk, Hempton* and *The Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton.*

A proposal for change of use to A1(retail) at *The Studio, Hudson Street*, caused some concern. With no information on what retail use, it was difficult to assess the likely effect on traffic/parking.

PC noted that CDC has approved demolition of a shed behind *The British Legion,* but not the erection of a new building to replace it.

WINDMILL CENTRE

After some heated discussion on the use of the football pitch (DTFC v Colts) PC determined that an amicable solution must be found. Longer term, a review of Windmill Centre and Castle Grounds will be undertaken, to maximise use of space and facilities.

CELEBRATING THE MILLENNIUM

Planning in earnest needs to start now. PC to set up a special Millennium committee, drawing on a wide cross-section of the community. People interested in joining the committee should contact the Parish Clerk, David Blakey, tel 337447 (Mondays and Wednesdays).

PARISH FUNDS

Sum invested, £584,892 (and 1p) includes £450,000 in Bradford & Bingley at 7.25%, £100,000 on Treasury Deposit at 6.5%, £26,521.10 on 14-day deposit at 4.5% and £8,370.91 at 2.875% overnight.

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Wed 15 October, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

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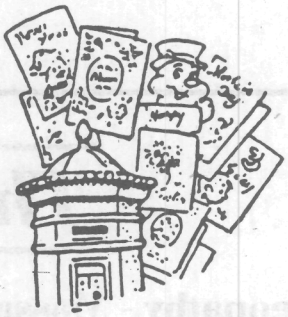

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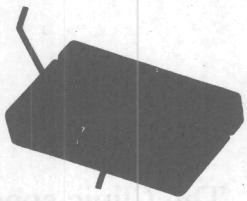

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

We were delighted to welcome fifteen new children to the school at the beginning of term, many of them newcomers to the Deddington area.The growth of the school has meant that for the first time in many years we have begun the academic year with six classes, all with fewer than thirty children, a benefit to pupils and teachers alike.

The school buildings look very smart. External re-decoration, funded by the Diocese, took place over the summer. In addition, the school hall now benefits from new blinds and curtains, generously provided by the PTA.

This term our younger children are finding out about "Moving Things". They are making visits to Didcot Railway Centre and Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum. Older pupils are studying "The Tudors". They will spend a Tudor activity day at Sulgrave Manor, dressed in Tudor-style costume !

Finally, I should like to inform parents that we are now able to receive applications for admission for the academic year 1998-9. If your child will be five during that year, please contact the school for a brochure and an application form. I should be delighted to arrange a time for you to visit the school "in action".

PETER GORINGE 338430

.....and from the PTA

This year has been extremely successful for the PTA. We've raised over £7,000, providing curtains and blinds for the School Hall, First Aid training for all teachers, Year 3 furniture, the adventure playground and general resources.

On a personal note I would like to thank all local businesses, and the local community, for their donations, sponsorship, time and support. Without your contributions our success would not have been what it is.

NICOLA DAWSON 01608 683352

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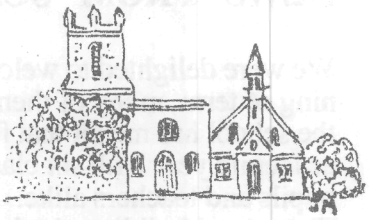

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October Services.

Sat 4 3pm Wedding of Christopher Weston and Samantha Allen.
Sun 5 10.30am **Harvest Festival.** Service for all ages and Holy Communion. **Wed 8** 10am Holy Communion.
Sun 12 10.30am Sung Eucharist. Special preacher: Rev. Giles Goddard.
Wed 15 10am Holy Communion. **Thu 16** Holy Communion at St Anne's Home, Clifton
Sun 19 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Mattins (BCP). **Wed 22** 10am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing.
Sun 26 10.30am Sung Eucharist. **Wed 29** 10am Holy Communion.
Sun 2 November 10.30am Service for all ages and Holy Communion for All Saints and All Souls.

October Services (St John, Hempton).

Sun 5 & 19 9am Eucharist. **Sun 26** 6pm Evensong (BCP **Sun 2 November** 9am Eucharist.

Children's Church (4-11 years) will meet in the Parish Church at 10.30am on 5 October for the Harvest Festival Service.

NB. Children meet **in Church** at 10.30am on other Sundays as well. After the opening hymns, they will be taken to the Town Hall and brought back in time for the last part of the service (except 3rd Sunday when they will stay in the Town Hall until after the service). Parents are welcome to come to the Town Hall too.

Please contact one of the clergy if your child would like to join Children's Church.

Youth Fellowship (Over 12 years) will meet on Sun 19 October in 4, The Beeches (off Earls Lane) 7.30pm

Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers Services will take place in Deddington Church on Thursdays 2 October and 6 November at 2pm.

Bell-ringing on Saturday 11 October 2 - 2.45pm by Vale of White Horse ringers.

Harvest Festival - Sunday 5 October at 10.30am. Please take gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables, tins etc to the church on Friday 3 Oct 2-5pm; Saturday 4 Oct 9-10am or to the service. After the service produce will be sold in aid of the Romanian Orphanage Trust to help prevent children being taken into orphanages this winter.

There will be a Harvest Lunch after the service. Tickets £3 each (concessions for families) from Josie Stevens (338305) or one of the clergy. These must be purchased in advance.

Bible Study Group will meet on Monday 13 October at 2pm in 15 Grove Court (Mrs Ridd).

Prayer Group Meetings take place on 1st Thursday each month in Corner Cottage, Chapel Square at 7.45pm. Next meeting: 2 October.

Special Bible Study of Psalms will be held in the Sycamores, Hempton Road (Mr and Mrs Stevens) every Thursday from 6 November to 4 December at 7.45pm. You are very welcome to join us.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS: 31 August in Deddington, CHLOE LOUISE MORRISON and ELIZABETH FLORENCE MAHON.
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Saturday 4 October 10.30am - Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy and Cake Stall in the Wesleyan Church in aid of Pastor Daniel Muiruri's Church in Kenya (they need a new roof too!).

Pastor ISSY WALTON 337157

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Rev. ALBERT FOX 345339

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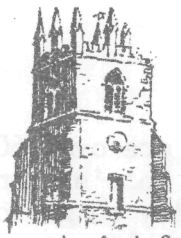
Monday 20 October. 7.45pm Ecumenical Prayer Group at Cromwell House, Market Place.



APPEAL - A GOOD START

It was touch and go until almost the last minute. Would the rain hold off ? It did. Would people turn up ? Yes, indeed. Well over 200 saw and heard the magnificent Banbury and District Caledonian Pipe Band. Stirring speeches by our own Philip Allen, Chairman of the Appeal, and Ken Reeves, Vicar of this Parish, were followed by the amusingly informative Hugo Brunner, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire.

There was more - a delightfully theatrical Charles 1, an engagingly cheerful penitent in the stocks, a flurry of beetles cleverly disguised as children. The bellringers of Deddington rang their hearts out, an all-women Morris danced their socks off and, at just the right time, lashings of food appeared from the Horn of Plenty. A good start to the Appeal: the real question is - how will enough money be raised to save our 'oldest, largest and most ambitious building', the Parish Church ? NORMAN STONE

(Norman has raised the vital question. Read the answer below. Ed.)

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Closer to home, we have Alex Soddy (pianist and former Head Chorister, Magdalen College Choir), the Deddington Church Choir and Joanna Cox, with young musicians from the church's Youth Fellowship. Their contribution 'Take it to the World' written by Joanna, is an 'exclusive', as is Maartin Allcock's composition.

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CHILDREN JOIN IN BEETLE CHALLENGE

Children at Deddington's C of E Primary School are enthusiastically supporting the Beat The Beetles campaign. They are taking part in essay competitions - 'What I Like about Deddington Church' (5-7 yrs.) 'Why I think it's important to save Deddington Church' (7-9 yrs.), and 'Why Deddington Needs a Church' (9-11 yrs.). They are also preparing for a 'Views of the Church' painting competition.

Quite a challenge - but I'm sure the children will meet it and demonstrate *their* commitment to preserving their heritage. This emerging talent will be on show. The DN will publish results, plus the winning essays, and the shortlisted entries will be displayed in the Church's Children's Corner. WENDY INNES

RESTORATION APPEAL - PROGRESS REPORT

The Appeal is well under way. Soon the leaflet will be brought to your door. For the latest information about the total raised, consult the board outside the church. For details about the offending beetles, and their depredations, go and look at the display inside the church. Watch for the Appeal posters round the village. They will tell you about fundraising events as they are planned. Watch this space for regular updates and a reminder of what's on in the next two months. Deddington is in for a most interesting and active year ! JEAN FLUX

WHAT'S ON

October: Children's essay competition
Wed. Oct. 15: Concert to launch CD 'Raise The Roof' in the church
Sat. Nov. 29 : Monday Morning Club, wine tasting at the Holly Tree
For further details, see articles and ads in the DN, the Diary, posters etc.

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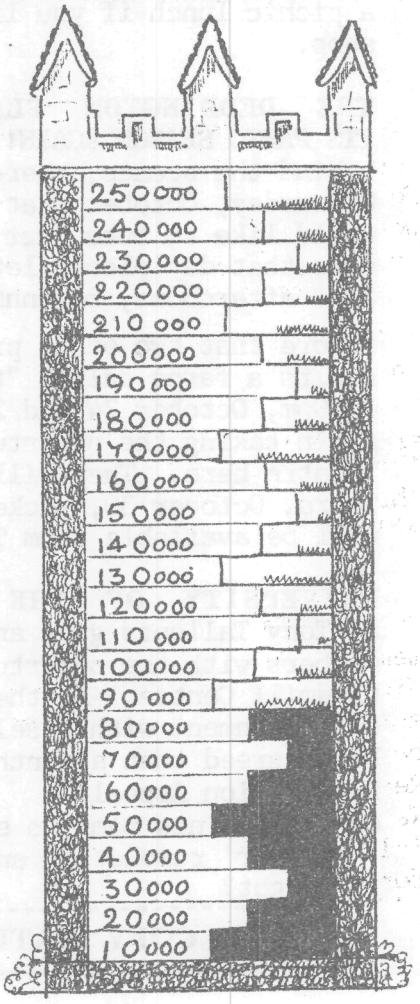
This total includes money already donated, covenants signed and donations promised. →



'Towerometer' drawing by Jo Mace.

CALLING ALL CLUBS

THE MONDAY MORNING CLUB

The Club has got off to a good start with 46 paid-up members. If you are over 60 do join us on the first Monday morning each month at the Holly Tree. That's when we discuss future expeditions. The present members want the opportunity to go to theatres and concerts without the chore of driving home after an enjoyable evening. On September 24 fourteen of us are off to see "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Swan, Stratford. On November 6 we plan to visit Chipping Norton Theatre to see "William Tell" (not the opera) by the Natural Theatre Company, and we have already booked the restaurant of NOC for a Christmas lunch on December 1. If any of this appeals to you, do join us on Monday, October 6, 10am-noon for a friendly chat, a cup of coffee and sign up.

We hope to do our bit, too, for the Church Restoration Appeal and, in cooperation with Jones of Banbury, will hold a wine tasting evening at the Holly Tree on Saturday, November 29, 6-9pm, tickets £10. There will be an opportunity to place orders for your Christmas festivities. This event is not restricted to over-60s: all are welcome.

JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON ORIGINAL GOLF SOCIETY (D.O.G.S.)

We have now completed our four Society Competition Days for 1997 and look forward to our Annual Dinner Dance at the Banbury Rugby Club on October 17.

We had excellent weather at both Broadway and Chipping Norton with some great golf and surprise individual Stableford Winners: Rob Forsyth (28) at Broadway and Ieon Roberts (28) at Chipping Norton. Dave House (6) had his expected best Gross at both events. Winners of the Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin were Bob Tustian, Dave Burnett, Chris Blackburn and Leon Roberts.

Our AGM is November 20, 6.30 pm at The British Legion. Next year's venues include Burford, Leamington and Broadway.

BARRY GREGORY 338215

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Our excursion to Westonbirt Arboretum is on! There are a few places left on our minibus if you would like to come. Date: Thursday, October 23 at 9.30am at the Town Hall. Price: £10 to include coach fare and entrance to the Arboretum. Bring a picnic lunch if you like (and the weather is kind), or there is a good coffee shop.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

THE DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

ITS PANTO SEASON AGAIN! For all who are interested in participating, on stage or behind the scenes, there will be an audition meeting at the Windmill Centre on Wednesday, October 8 at 6pm. We hope that the early hour means that children who would like to take part will be able to attend. If you are interested but can't come that day please let me know. Rehearsals will take place on Wed. evenings and Sun. afternoons, beginning in November; performances will be January 22-24.

Before that two other productions are on offer, both at the Windmill Centre. For adults a farce called "the Murder Room" presented by the Deddington Players at 7.30pm, October 24 and 25, tickets £3.50 (£2.50 concessions). For children we are again taking the opportunity offered by CDC's scheme to bring The Little Angel Theatre here. They will perform "The Many Legged Musicians of Bremley" at 3pm on Thurs. October 30, tickets £2. Please show your support by coming along. Tickets will be available from Tuckers or 338153 for both events.

JEAN FLUX 338153

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Mr Tony Tallents gave an excellent illustrated talk on Old Jerusalem providing members with the opportunity to explore the Holy City from the comfort of the Windmill Centre. At the second meeting of the month members arranged their own entertainment with a selection of favourite poetry and prose readings. It has been agreed that a monthly event will be undertaken to raise money for the Church Restoration Appeal.

We welcome new members so, now that winter is round the corner, why not make an 'old year' resolution and join us for an interesting and friendly afternoon once a fortnight?

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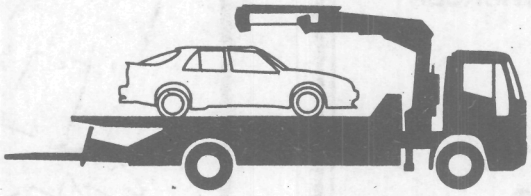

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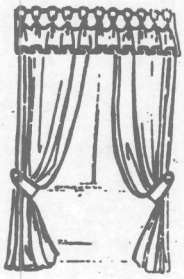

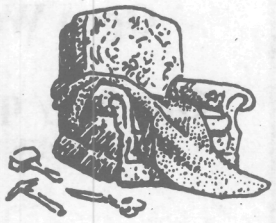

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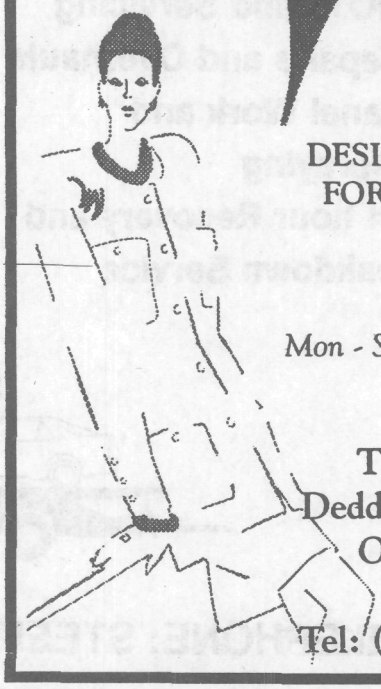

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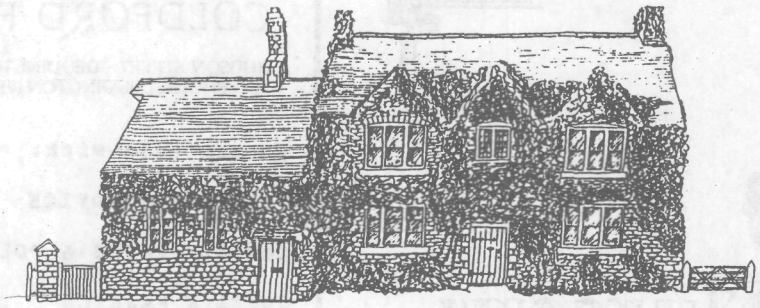

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DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We were represented at the 50th Anniversary Service of the Littlemore branch on September 7. Our standard bearer Dennis Freeman and Dave Keats joined the well attended march and service, followed by refreshments at their club.
Our own thoughts are now turning to Deddington's tribute to the war dead on Sunday, November 9. Your British Legion will carry out its traditional role and we do ask for the participation of as many as possible; in particular we urge the younger residents to join us.
Social activities at the club continue to be very successful, ranging from competition nights to bands such as Nightshift and discos for the local teenagers. The committee have a deliberate policy of supporting only activities of a family nature. Please bring your family along! **DAVE KEATS 338095**

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team Results

Sinclair Res(h) Won 7-0 L.Hayward, P.Tussingham, T.Chatterton (3), C.Hill (2)
Hornton(a) Lost 1-2 L.Maskery

The 1st Team started the season in great style with an emphatic victory over Sinclair Reserves. Tom Chatterton scored a hat trick. The following game against Hornton proved far more difficult though Deddington battled extremely hard, especially since a player was sent off after only ten minutes.

Reserve Team Results

Athletics Hardwick(a) Lost 1-6 M.Doggett
Barford Res(h) Lost 2-3 M.Doggett (2)

A poor start for the Reserve Side: a dismal performance in the opening game resulted in a 1-6 defeat. The match against Barford Res produced a far more encouraging performance, but three late goals from Barford Res denied the Reserves their first win. Mark Doggett scored all the goals. **STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258**

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

The 1997 outdoor season winds up with the awarding of trophies at the annual dinner on Fri. October 17 at the Deddington Arms. Our AGM will be on Wed. November 12, 7.30 pm at the Windmill Centre. Several holders of major posts are standing down so we need plenty of volunteers for the new committee.
The club is most grateful to Dr Audery Hogarth for the gift of a splendid 1926 Beeches team photograph which will hang proudly beside one of their great rivals, the Castle Club 1927 team. This winter we are changing our social/fundraising activities. Everyone, member or non member, is welcome to our whist drives at 7.30 pm at the Royal British Legion Club on Weds. October 8, November 19 and December 3. The first drive will be an introductory "training" session for those uncertain of the rules. **JOHN CLIFFORD 340564**

DEDDINGTON WI

This is the beginning of our Autumn season. Our members were treated to a large fascinating collection of old and valuable photographs by Mr. B. Davies. Those shown were of Banbury and district and, seen on a large screen, gave us time to recognise scenes and in one case a grandfather in a group photo. The meeting on October 14 will be on general health issues, especially food hygiene. Again we welcome anyone who wishes to "look us over". **RENE MAHONY 338438**

DEDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

At the start of our new term we welcome Paige Kaye, Tom Westbury and Laura Wallington. We are holding a jumble sale in our building on Sat. October 11, 2pm; please bring any jumble, toys, books, etc. to pre-school from Wed. October 8.
Thank you to Deddington School PTA for the £100 cheque from the proceeds of their school fete raffle; to the Summer Playscheme for kindly donating their leftover materials; to Mark Smith for fixing the lock on our outside storage shed; and to all the parent/carers who kept our grass mowed during the summer holidays.
You are welcome to visit pre-school; we are open Mon-Fri, 9-11.30am. Finally a thank you from me to June Scott and Lorraine Thornton for standing in for me whilst I was on jury service. **TRACY ROGERS 337383**

DEDDINGTON NETBALL TEAMS

This was the last season for the older girls in the 14 & Under winter netball league. They had a brilliant season winning the league for the fourth consecutive season without being defeated in all twelve games. Well done to all. This winter they go forward into the Banbury & District Netball League; they have been practising throughout the summer with another senior team, playing for them when needed in the summer league which has helped them gain experience.
The 14 & Under league will also carry on this winter with lots of new enthusiastic players coming forward. We'll keep you up to date in the DN. Well done Laura Chatterton who has been chosen to play for Oxford County.
Senior practice sessions are on Wed evening at Banbury School 6.30-8pm; 14 & Under practice sessions at Deddington all weather pitch Thurs evening 6-7pm. Anyone wishing to join us just turn up or phone. All league matches are on a Sunday morning at Drayton School. **BARBARA LOWE 337108 DIANE CHATTERTON 338538**

DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP

The Millennium Map will highlight the buildings that people really care about. Here are some possibles to choose from - *DEDDINGTON* Almshouses. Castle End. Castle House. Deddington Arms. Goose Green (west side). Grove House. The Hermitage. Leadenporch House. Library. Manor House. Maund's Farmhouse. The Old Malt House. Parish Church. Pavilions (at Windmill Centre). Plough House (crypt). The Priory. Solar. The School. Three Horseshoes. Town Hall. Unicorn. *CLIFTON* former St James' Church. Clifton Mill. Duke of Cumberland's Head. Denbigh Place (formerly The White Cottage). *HEMPTON* Batchelors Row. Old Plough Walk. St John's Church.
Even if we could include all the buildings on this list - unlikely - not everybody will agree with us. Suggestions for additions and deletions will be gratefully received. NORMAN STONE 338019

RURAL ISSUES - REPORT

The CDC held an Open Meeting at the Windmill Centre on 24 Sept., to sound out residents' views on Town and Country Planning, Housing, and Public Transport. Cllr. Laynes took the chair. Among issues discussed were: Lower Heyford, the future of employment and population structures in the Cherwell area. Ultimately, such problems demand national input. Considering the effort made by the CDC, the attendance, barely 20 people, was disappointing. FRANK STEINER

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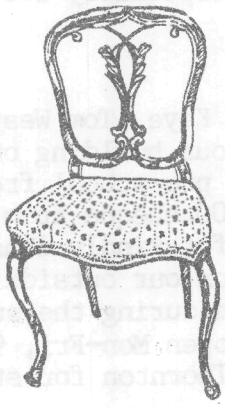

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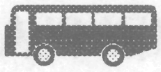

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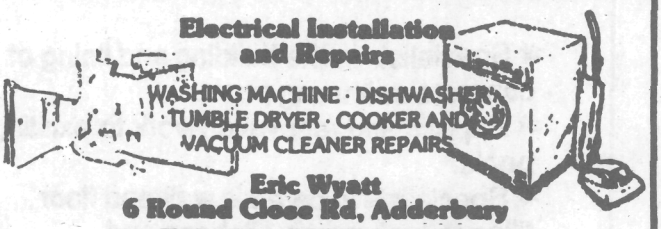

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM ROSALIND MASON, WELLAND CROFT, BICESTER

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(Again this month we have a light post bag. Are you incensed by telephone salesmen/women? Were your runner beans unexpectedly poor this year? Are you allergic to black water flies, the Archers? Do you have hedgehogs in your garden? Have you invented a truly weather-proof washing line? Do you collect bottle labels, incunabula? Please write and tell us. Ed.)

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THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for September and October :

23rd SEPTEMBER - Went to Oxford by coach to meet Robert from Thame, and took him to consult Mr. Ormerod the surgeon. Dined and stayed at The Mitre.
24th SEPTEMBER - Took Robert to see Mr. Dubarry's exhibition of models of old and new Jerusalem - with which we were much pleased, and highly interested by the lecture given by the person exhibiting the same.
25th SEPTEMBER - Robert completed his 11th year today, dear little fellow. He returned to Thame by coach.
28th SEPTEMBER - I received an uncomfortable and depressing letter from Mr. Bury relative to our dearest Holford's state of health - wherein he mentioned having consulted Dr. Latham about him, who said tho' there was no ground for alarm yet there was for caution. I answered him and wrote to Dr. Fookes about Robert's health also. Betsy walked up to Hiron's with her respirator on.
5th OCTOBER - The bell tolled for poor old Calcutt.
7th OCTOBER - I heard from our good Bishop in reply to mine announcing my intended resignation of this Living, also from the Chapter Clerk of Windsor.

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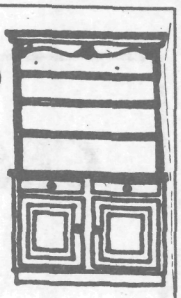

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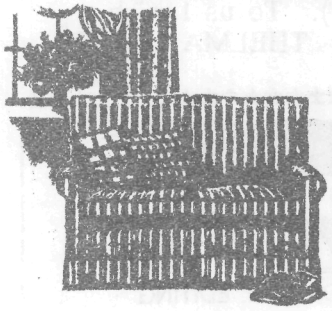
ON THE FARM

Harvest is now over and done with for this year. All the grain was cut before the wet Bank Holiday and the beans were cut during the second week of September. The bean yields seem to be good with little beetle damage. We have now had the milling wheat tested and the milling quality is good but with the continued strength of the £ the prices are down by some £25 a ton on last year. Oh well, money is the root of all evil, as Father used to say (but I could do with a bit more of the root!) The ground work is going well and we should start planting next year's cereal crops by the end of September. The ewes have been gone through and the rams will go out in the last week of September so the first lambs should appear at the end of February. This year we bought in 100 mule thaves (*one-year-old sheep*) as replacements for old ewes culled out at weaning. The remainder of last year's lamb crop will be sold fat or as store lambs for fattening on root crops. It has been a difficult summer for the bees but I have been able to take enough honey off to see me through to the spring. In July I had a visit from the MAFF bee inspector to tell me that American Foul Brood had been found at Adderbury. AFB is a very contagious bee disease and is spread by flying bees and swarms. It is an organism known as bacillus larvae and will kill all the larvae in the brood chamber. There is no cure and all infected hives have to be destroyed. Fortunately all my hives were given a clean bill of health and he commented that the bees were in very good condition as he could not find any Varroa mites either. The bees have now all been fed on sugar syrup, mouseguards put on and the hives in the wood will be covered with wire mesh to keep the woodpeckers away.

Most of the summer visitors have flown south for the winter. This year we had 9 pairs of swallows nesting in the buildings. Most had 2 broods. I have often wondered where the swifts we see flying about the village nest. Then one evening I went to the school and found a swift's egg in the playground. They were nesting under the eaves of the school roof.

Now that the nights are drawing in, perhaps I should go into the office and try to find my desk - it is there somewhere under piles of paper!

GEORGE FENEMORE



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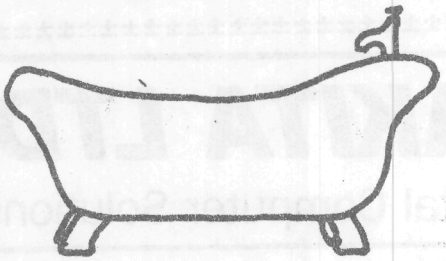

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GARDENING NOTES

Prize Giving at The Old House and the Gold goes to the Busy Lizzies. In this particularly difficult summer, when the Geraniums wouldn't get going because they first rotted off and then wilted in the heat, the Lizzies did fine. They even found they could swamp and strangle other plants in the container with them. Besides, they produce those fascinating spring-loaded seed pods which explode at a touch. The Silver goes to some yuppies which have finally made it. First Feverfew. That used to be a wild flower to be excluded from the posh stuff in flower beds. Now it has been welcomed by flower arrangers and has been admitted into the drawing room. And a splendid attractive plant it is, too. It looks especially good intermixed with the tall purple wild Sage, which seeds itself so obligingly. (At least, Norman Stone says it's Sage but I'm not so sure; I think it's the common Toadflax.) Together these two have made a cheerful patch in my garden. Booby prize goes to my perennial Fuchsias, which at the time of going to press have not even started flowering. MARIANNE ELSLEY

Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet' - Gerard Manley Hopkins
I don't think we need fear the final demise of any weed. There can be no weed which needs a conservation order on it. I have the finest selection on my allotment, from beautiful red poppies to the sweet little blue birds-eye. Amongst the above can be found peas - Onward - late - not many maggots - few bags in the freezer. Broad beans were excellent. Parsnips improved after rain. Carrots, turnips, spinach disappeared and are no doubt coming up in Australia. Gooseberry wine effervescing in demijohns and smells delicious. Early runner beans -first helping 13 August. Majestic and Pentland Crown potatoes cropped well, a good size (super jacket potatoes), marrows and courgettes have found good homes. Corn - two cobs which I shall savour. Superb onions and shallots, blackberries in freezer. Several sunflowers - for the birds? The leeks will, no doubt, be discovered when the weeds die (ha ha) in the winter. Earwigs and caterpillars enjoyed the cabbages. I think I can safely say this article will cover the experience of the allotmenteers, with one or two exceptions, but it's all good fun (and hard work). To us I wish 'Bon Appetit'. To the rest - well, supermarket produce is excellent! THELMA DOVER

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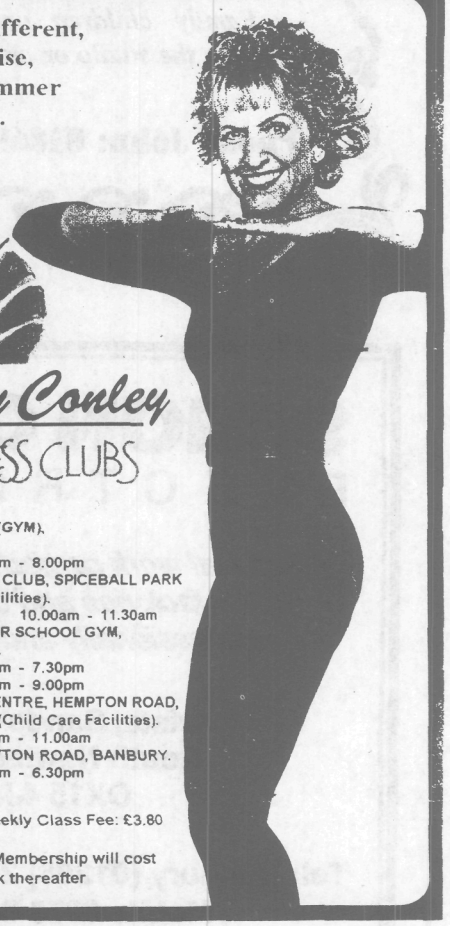

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TRAINING : During the last month Ray Bates and Rachel Lewis have both passed their induction training and are now turning out on calls - well done to both of them. Anne Waters has completed a one week breathing apparatus course and is now a qualified wearer; well done, Anne. Andy Hayward's leg is mending so well that he has returned to work at his full time job and has come back to us on light duties, helping out with the paperwork and sitting in on lectures. Unfortunately it will probably be another 2 months before he is fit enough for active duty.
RECRUITING : Despite the 4 new starters in the last few months we are still not on the run during the daytime, so we still need more personnel. To bring the Station to maximum crewing level we need 4 more recruits. Anyone who feels they might be suitable, please come and see me. We would accept someone who lives elsewhere but works in the village and could turn out during the working day. We hope to get the station operational 24 hours a day again. May I now remind readers that we are holding a dance at General Foods Sports & Social Club, Banbury on Saturday 18 October in aid of the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund and the Cleft Lip and Palate Association. Tickets £6.50 which includes a Ploughman's Supper. Dancing to 'Moosehead' with a country/60s disco. Coach available and tickets from any Fire Service Personnel, Deddington Royal British Legion Club or Tracy Boss at Acorn Stores. **ALBERT HUMPHRIES 338943**

POLICE NEWS

This month's item is at the request of the occupants of No.2 and 2A Hempton Road, known locally as the Deddington Police houses. These houses are family homes and the occupiers have no connection with the Police in the area, therefore they are not a Police Station. I have a small office between the two houses but spend very little time there. If you need to make a personal visit to a Police Station, here are some of those available to you in this area:
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BOB DONOHUE 01865 266615

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Many thanks to Wayne and Carol for the use of their grounds for the open air service at the end of August and for providing the marquee and refreshments. About 80 people attended an enjoyable service and walk in the gardens. On 21 September at the Eucharist Service we had an extra special occasion of the christening of Harry George Collins of Middle Corner Cottage. It was a nice service and a beautiful sunny day for him and his family.
I see there are repairs going on in St. John's Way and believe that new kerb stones are being fitted. Let's hope that they will be kept free of weeds when they are finished. We hope to have a 50/50 auction on 25 October but this can only take place if we have enough items, so please have a look and see if you have anything to sell. The Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Hempton Church will take place in the Church Hall on Monday 6 October at 7.45pm. We hope many will attend this important meeting. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Church cycle ride - both helpers in Church and people out riding. **LES CHAPPELL 338054**

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Public consultation is currently under way re: the proposal to dissolve The Horton General NHS Trust Board and integrate its services with those of The Oxford Radcliffe Hospital. There are no plans to alter the existing range of services at The Horton. If you would like to comment on the proposal, please contact (in writing) Shirley Bough, Consumer Affairs Team, Oxfordshire Health Authority, Old Road, Headington, OX3 7LG **Public Meeting: Banbury Town Hall, 3 November, 7p.m.**

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Th	6	Monday Morning Club outing to "William Tell", Chipping Norton. (p.6)
Fr	7	Cherwell Mobile Advice Centre, Deddington Market Square, 9.15 am - 12.15 pm.
Sat 8/Sun 9		Waste Paper Skip in School Playground.
Sat	8	British Legion: 60's and 70's Party Night. (Solo Sound), 8.30 pm.
Sun	9	Remembrance Sunday. Service of Remembrance, Parish Church. (p.7)
Tu	11	WI: Flower Arrangements, Mrs Lee & Lady Kellett, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	12	U3A: Vital Work among the Fishing Communities, Mr I Pearce, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	12	Deddington Bowls Club AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
Fr	14	British Legion: Queen of Hearts Disco, 8.30 pm.
Tu	18	**COPY DATE FOR DECEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed	19	Deddington Bowls Club Whist Drive, British Legion, 7.30 pm. (p.7)
Fr	21	Carers' Club Meeting, The Holly Tree, 10.30am - 12.30 pm.
Fr	21	Cherwell Mobile Advice Centre, Deddington Market Square, 9.15 am - 12.15 pm.
Sat	22	British Legion: Jefferson Kane. (Live Music), 8.45 pm.
Sat	22	Banbury Symphony Concert, Deddington Church.
Fr	28	British Legion : Galaxy Disco, 8.30 pm.
Sat	29	Monday Morning Club, wine tasting evening at the Holly Tree, 6 - 9 pm.Tickets £10. (p.6)

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Friends of Daeda's Wood

Most of the trees are looking healthy; those that aren't will be replaced during the winter. Much less satisfactory are the wild flower areas, so we'll need to think again after the next growing season. Work on the lay-by by the main gate and the access-to-all path down to the river should be in hand by the time you read this. Two seats will be put in place soon. Wild oats are still in evidence but the grass seed sown last autumn is really taking hold and should help control future unwanted growth. The idea is to create as naturally a developing wood as possible so until the trees provide sufficient canopy in a few years, other growth is likely to be vigorous. Good for insects, though, and thus attracting more birds A Millennium event has always been part of the Woods-on-your-Doorstep project. Tree dressing ? Fireworks ? Any other ideas ?

SYLVIE SPENCELEY 338995

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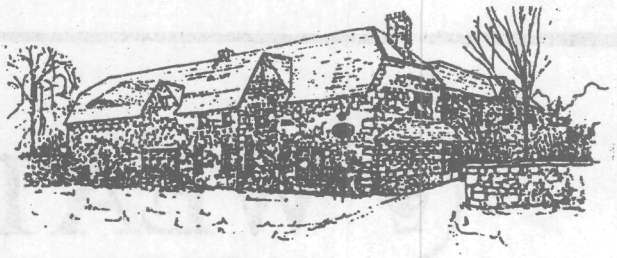

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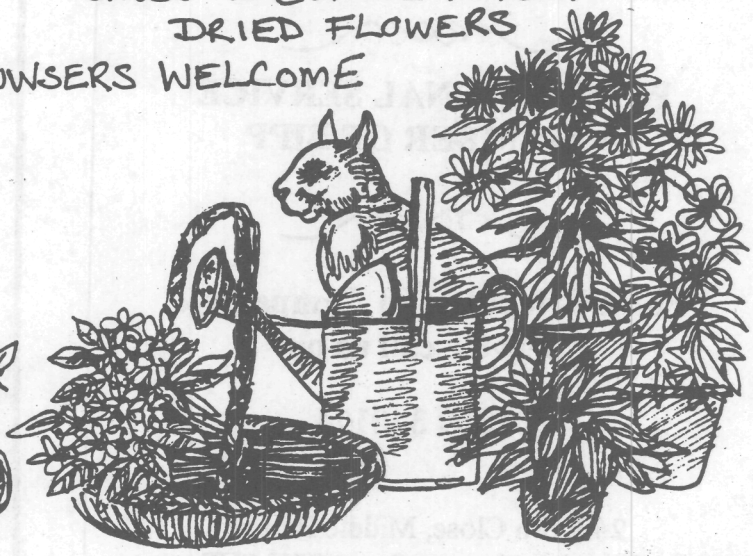

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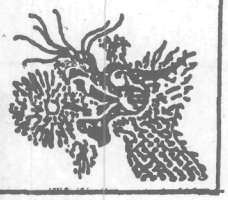

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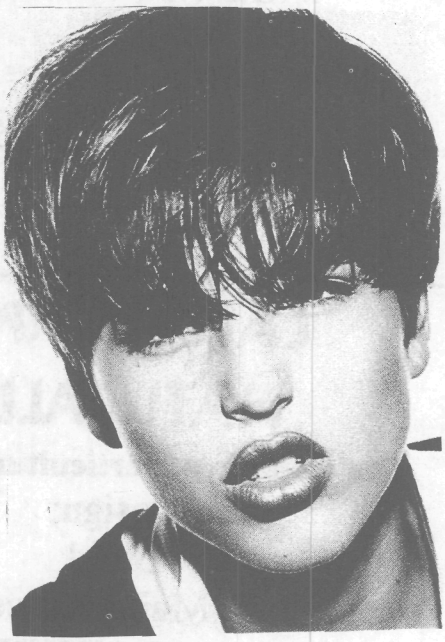

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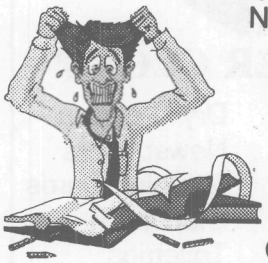

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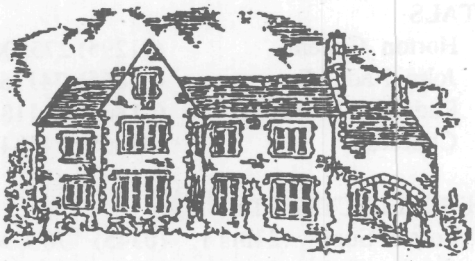

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